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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: